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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD GATT

SUBJECT: GATT-CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18

REF: 75 STATE 299439, STATE 015338

1. ECMIN ON JAN 21 ASKED GATT DG LONG HIS CURRENT VIEWS ON FORTHCOMING FEB 24-25 MEETING OF GROUP OF 18. IN PARTICULAR HE ASKED WHETHER LONG WOULD BE PRESSING TO HAVE DISCUSSION ON COMMODITIES. (75 STATE 299439)

2. CONCERNING COMMODITIES, LONG AGREED FULLY WITH U.S. RELUCTANCE TO TAKE UP COMMODITIES QUESTIONS IN GROUP OF 18. HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERED THAT LDCS MAY POSSIBLY PRESS TO HAVE MATTER INCLUDED ON AGENDA. LONG SAID HE IS CALLING MEETING OF LOCAL REPS OF G-18 FOR JAN 27 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR NEXT

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MEETING AND ON THAT OCCASION WE SHOULD BE ABLE GET

CLEAR UNDERSTANDING LDC VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.  
LONG SAID HE ALSO FELT KEY TOPIC ON G18 AGENDA  
SHOULD BE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRADING FRAMEWORK-  
HOW GATT CPS SEE GATT'S ROLE AND THAT IT WOULD BE  
DOING IN LONGER TERM AFTER END OF MTN. IN PARTICULAR,  
HE FELT G-18 SHOULD DISCUSS BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL FOR  
REFORM. WE NOTED TOKYO DECLARATION HAD ASSIGNED  
REFORM OF TRADING SYSTEM AS AN MTN TOPIC. (REF STATE  
015338 ARRIVED SUBSEQUENT TO DISCUSSION.) LONG RESPONDED  
THAT THAT THIS WAS MATTER FOR GATT CPS, NOT FOR COUNTRIES  
WHO MIGHT BE PARTICIPATING IN MTN BUT ARE NOT GATT  
MEMBERS. HE RECOGNIZED GATT REFORM WOULD HAVE TO BE  
CONSIDERED IN MTN BUT APPARENTLY FEELS TOPIC NEEDS  
BE DEALT WITH IN G-18 AS WELL.

3. LONG ALSO CONSIDERED OTHER TOPICS FOR G-18 WOULD  
BE USE OF TRADE MEASURES FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
PURPOSES AND RECENT TRADE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS. CONCERNING  
FIRST TOPIC, WE REPORTED THAT U.S. HOPES TO CIRCULATE  
PAPER ON SUBJECT IN ADVANCE OF G-18 MEETING.

4. LONG ALSO REPORTED HE WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING  
OF UN AD HOC GROUP ON RESTRUCTURING OF UN ECONOMIC  
MACHINERY ON FEB 11 AND GIVING STATEMENT ON BEHALF  
GATT. IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AT  
THAT MEETING, HE WOULD REPORT THEM AT G-18, PRESUMABLY  
IN CONTEXT GATT REFORM ITEM.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST U.S. VIEWS ON G-18  
FOR JANUARY 27 MEETING. DALE

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